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MAYOR PEREZ STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO NEW BRITAIN HOME INVASION

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(March 31, 2008)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez has issued the following statement in regards to this weekend's tragedy in New Britain:

“First of all, our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims of the home invasion and shooting tragedy in New Britain. It is critical that we have parole and probation reform. Every week in Hartford, ex-offenders are released to halfway houses, homeless shelters, or even just onto the streets, without our knowledge. Sadly, this recent crime has brought the discussion into the forefront again. I implore the State Legislature to enact the “Parole and Probation Transparency Act” and to increase the number of probation and parole officers. This is a vital tool for law enforcement and social service providers to track individuals leaving the prison system. The act would require the Judicial Branch and the Department of Correction to notify the Chief of Police and the CEO of each municipality every 30 days of individuals who are placed on probation, placed on parole, released to a halfway house, or released within their municipality--- as well as list the support they have been given for re-entry to the community.”